MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*) : The *statement is laid on the table.

Attingal Munsiff's Court.

435 ***MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI** : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of suits filed in the Attingal Munsiff's Court from each pakuthi under its jurisdiction from the year 1110 ?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI : The †statement is laid on the table.

Palmyra Fibre.

436 ***MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR** : Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of raw palmyra fibre imported into Travancore from British India during the last five years ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR :

Year.	Quantity in Cwts.
1111	18,451
1112	29,102
1113	15,200
1114	15,211
1115	31,639

Price of rice.

437 ***MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN** : Will the Government be pleased to state the steps they have taken to keep down the price of rice and to see that there will not be shortage of rice ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : With the aid of reports and weekly reviews of the prices prevailing in different centres of the State. Government have been periodically fixing the maximum prices for different varieties of imported rice based on the ruling market prices at Cochin.

2. Complaints of profiteering on the part of merchants having come to the notice of Government, Press Notes were issued warning the public against alarming reports and at the same time reminding the merchants that in cases of profiteering Government will be forced to take steps in accordance with the Defence of Travancore Rules.

3. Government have also stocked some rice both from Burma and South Indian Districts and these are available for sale to the public at reasonable rates.

4 Export of paddy and rice from the State on a commercial basis has been restricted in order to prevent abnormal rise in prices.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN May I know whether any steps are being taken to issue all this rice in view of the present war condition prices ?

**Vide* Appendix IV. page 990.
†*Vide* Appendix V. pages 991 and 992.

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